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RESERVE

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Year ending 31st October, 1950

ASSETS

Deposits with and Notes of Bank of Canada	47,277,812.47
Notes of and Cheques on Other Banks	
Other Cash and Deposits	12,840,015.06
Government and Municipal Securities (not exceeding market value)	
Other Bonds and Stocks (not exceeding market value)	10,761,384.55
Call Loans (secured)	6,518,501.51
TOTAL QUICK ASSETS	
Commercial and Other Loans (after provision for bad and doubtful debts)	198.947.852.00
Liabilities of Customers under Acceptances and Letters of Credit (as per contra)	
Bank Premises	
Other Assets	60,143.04
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LIABILITIES

Deposits		\$498,336,896.49
Acceptance	s and Letters of Credit Outstanding	8,880,262.13
Other Liabi	lities	209,462.28
TOTAL LI.	TIES TO THE PUBLIC	\$507,426,620.90
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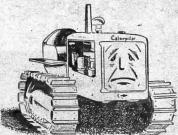
PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

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debts has been made\$	2,650,308.80
Provision for depreciation of Bank Premises, Furni- ture and Equipment	498,997.61
Provision for Dominion and Provincial Taxes	2,151,311.19 993,000.00
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able 20th December, 1950 140,000.00	980,000.00
Balance of Profits carried forward	178,311.19
Profit and Loss Balance 31st October, 1949	1,791,033.92
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RESERVE FUND

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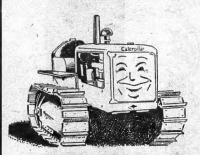
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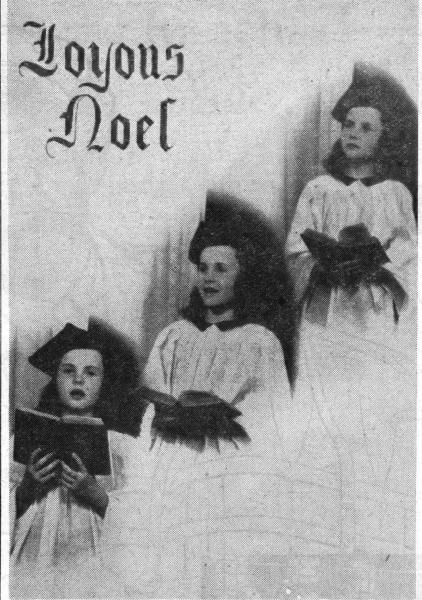
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The Farm and Ranch Editorial Page...

Natural gas exports and faith in Canada's future

In the June issue of the Farm and Ranch we ran an Editorial on the natural gas question which took the position that we should keep our gas in the ground until Canadians could use it. For this we were attacked with language usually reserved for public enemies and traitors. As there is no sense in trying to reason with hysteria, we made no effort to reply. Recently, however, it was with some satisfaction that we noted that a prominent and highly respected chemical engineer from Montreal appeared before the Alberta Conservation Board and made the same appeal.

The points made by Mr. J. R. Donald are fundamental to this discussion. And as the whole future of the Prairies is bound up in the decisions that are made in connection with our oil and gas resources, the question is vital to our farmers. Because they must depend so largely on foreign markets, our producers' position in the economy is extremely vulnerable. There is only one escape - in growing food that can be consumed in Canada. That can only be achieved by a substantial increase in our population. Only a great industrial expansion in Canada can give us this population base. In many ways, this question of gas exports is, therefore, more important to prairie farmers than any strictly agricultural problem they have to face.

Mr. Donald made these points:

The greatest industrial expansion in recent American history has been in chemicals. Chemicals have far outstripped everything else.

The greatest expansion in the chemical industry has been in the Texas area, close to the source of natural gas.

The whole history of industrial expansion has been that industry moves to the source of power, that raw materials are brought to power.

In recent years interest has been rising steadily in our gas and oil resources on the part of great American chemical industries. If we have patience and take the long view upwards of \$150,000,000 may ultimately be spent on industrial investments near our gas resources.

If export of our natural gas to the north-west States is permitted it will adversely affect us in two ways: Industry that might have located in Alberta or Saskatchewan will locate in Washington or Oregon. Products of Canadian industry will be excluded from the United States by tariffs imposed to protect the north-western industries founded on Alberta gas.

That these suggestions were anothema

to the promoters of export pipelines was quickly demonstrated by the efforts that were made at once to discredit Mr. Donald's testimony. But what is important here is not the scoring of lawyer's debating points. It is the whole future of Canada. What is important is not the few million dollars in profits that these pipeline promoters can skim off the top of their operation. It is the long term and noble vision of a Canada with a future. What is important is not a greedy grab by franchise hunters for a quick promoter's profit. It is faith in the destiny of these Prairies and their people.

The United States does not permit the export of its natural gas. The Windsor industrial basin is starved for gas. It is brought all the way from Texas to Detroit. But it cannot be exported to Canada unless and until the needs of everybody in the United States are filled. It would be one thing to trade gas with the United States, for Canada to supply the middle west in return for American supplies for eastern Canada. It is something altogether different for us to give the United States our gas and get only dollars in return.

True, there has been no great industrial expansion in Alberta yet founded on natural gas. But there was no industrial expansion in Ontario either when Sir Clifford Sifton set out to save Canada's Hydro power resources for Canada. Because, largely through his efforts, these power sites were saved from alienation to American industry, we have a population of 8,000,000 in Ontario and Quebec today. Is a population of 8,000,000 beyond the hope of fulfillment on these prairies if we can retain our power resources now? Not to anyone with a spark of faith in this country!

In plain truth, we are on the threshhold of great new scientific developments. Only recently the magazine Newsweek reported that even greater industrial expansion may take place in Texas as a result of perfection of a Diesel electric plant that operates on natural gas. This plant can generate electricity cheaper from natural gas than it can be obtained in the north-west from hydroelectric plants. Does that item alone not open up glittering vistas for men of faith and vision? Then the scientists are making great progress in the development of the gas turbine engine, in the jet engine, in the piston-free engine.

If there was ever a time in Canadian history when patience, Testraint and the long view were needed, that time is now in connection with our gas resources. Time is on the side of the people of Canada. The

longer we can hold onto our natural resources, the more valuable they will become. What does a year or five years or ten years mean if, by waiting, we can make sure that the boon of these great natural resources will be used to the maximum ultimate advantage of our country and our people?

Confusion over coarse grain prices

O^N our letters page this month is a communication from a reader which underlines the confusion that is inevitably created when a Monte Carlo gambling casino is superimposed upon a grain marketing system.

The Winnipeg Grain Exchange futures market is operating on all grains but wheat. Oats and barley, however, are marketed exclusively in interprovincial trade by the Wheat Board. If a producer of Oats wants to use the Grain Exchange to sell his grain, he must first deliver it to the Wheat Board. He can sell his Oats short on the Grain Exchange, if he thinks the price will go lower and then eventually buy back his future. But the actual Oats, the stuff fed to animals as distinct from the paper markers used in gambling on the market, remains with the Wheat Board for disposal to feeders or other users.

The Wheat Board initial price, the Grain Exchange futures prices, and the selling prices of feed grains at country elevators are all different. So different in fact that there is a great deal of suspicion engendered. It is needless suspicion. The Wheat Board functions as the sales agent of the producer. It seeks to get the best price possible for him. When John Jones delivers 1,000 bushels of Oats to the elevator he gets an INITIAL price and later a substantial dividend.

When the stock feeder goes to the elevator to buy grain, he finds a substantial difference between the grower's initial price and what he is asked to pay. That applies as well to the original producer if he discovers he has sold too much and has to get some back as livestock feed. People accustomed to the old days when they could buy grain at the Fort William price less freight, conclude that somebody is being cheated, mainly them.

That is not so. What we have today is a marketing system by which the grower doesn't get soaked for freight on feed that is sold locally and on which no freight has been paid.

This is no doubt rough on commercial feeders. But it seems to us to be an equitable sort of system. It still permits direct dealing between grain producers and feeders. They can haggle and horse-trade and make whatever deals they like. There is one thing, however, that the producers should keep constantly in mind. The Wheat Board price is the initial price. They are entitled to get considerably more for their grain if they sell direct to people who will feed it to livestock because in that case there will be no subsequent payment.

A Merry Christmas to All

Farm and Ranch Editorials Farming, master farmers and a good way of life

WHEN the Alberta Government last year decided on its Master Farmer Awards we confess that we were rather dubious about the value of such a stunt. Awarding prizes of \$1,000 each to five successful and prosperous farmers every year didn't seem to have too much to recommend it. The master farmers, naturally, had already gained wide recognition for what they were —masters in the art of farming. They did not need the money. So it was difficult to see what the Government hoped to accomplish except the distribution of a handsome dividend

Then, when it came forward with its proposal for an Agricultural Hall of Fame, the same doubts arose to plague us. But the more we think about these things, the better we like them. Perhaps no concrete good will come of either. Perhaps nothing will be accomplished. But does something always have to be accomplished? Is there not something good in honoring both the successful contemporaries and the pioneers for its own sake? We think there is.

One of the things that has been wrong with this country for a couple of decades has been agriculture's notoriously "poor mouth." All of us, everywhere, have concentrated too much of our talking, writing and thinking on the debit side of farming, on the problems that have beset us. To be a farmer on a farm of his own was once the normal ambition of most of the young men growing up on farms. But because times were tough, because of the endless chores, because of the isolation and hard work, farming lost its attraction. Our young people turned their eyes elsewhere, to jobs in the cities where there was inside plumbing and handy amusements and all the rest.

Throughout these years, we completely lost sight of the fact that farming as a way of life had much to recommend it. Nobody undertook the task of selling farming to young Canadians. The public schools fell flat on their collective faces. The "projects" fashion emerged from the woodwork to set education back a generation. Instead of being given a sound foundation in the essentials, our children were, and still are, handed projects on which to waste their time. These subjects are seemingly chosen with the idea in mind that the information gained shall be utterly useless in future life. Instead of interesting the children in wheat, soil or livestock, they are sent on excursions to Mexico, Switzerland and Puritan New England.

At the same time, the so-called heroes of medicine, law, politics, and sport have been generously cloaked in glamour. But the leaders of agriculture, men who gave their very lives to the cause of better farm living, have been allowed to sink into oblivion. It was surely small wonder the farming as a way of making a living came to have little attraction. Yet during all these years, hundreds of men and women all over these prairies were quietly demonstrating that good farming yielded handsome material dividends as well as incomparable satisfaction as a way of life.

The stunts of the Alberta Department of Agriculture, if they do nothing else, will help to get some of our thinking back on the rails. And certainly the idea of a Hall of Fame will help to provide the great men who have provided leadership for our farmers with a measure of recognition they have so long been denied. In its choice of the original five for the Hall of Fame, the Government could not have done better. Heading the list, of course, is the late Henry

The Arrow and the Song

I shot an arrow into the air, It fell to earth, I knew not where; For, so swiftly it flew, the sight Could not follow it in its flight.

I breathed a song into the air, It fell to earth, I knew not where; For who has sight so keen and strong That it can follow the flight of song?

Long, long afterward, in an oak I found the arrow, still unbroke; And the song, from beginning to end, I found again in the heart of a friend.

—Henry Wadsworth Longfellow.

Wise Wood and the late Harvey Johnston. Frank Collicutt, Claude Gallinger and Chas. S. Noble are fitting companions.

All of these men have had a profound affect upon the course of history in Alberta. The affect, moreover, has been good. The people of Alberta will always be deeply indebted to them and it is good for those who are still living to be told during their lifetime that their place of honor in our community is secure.

So having come around from doubt to approval, the Farm and Ranch has another stunt to suggest: Would it not be possible for some kind of an annual award to be made to the farmers who make the best contribution each year toward improvement in agriculture. The small farmer on the pioneer fringe, who makes one acre do the work of two; the farmer who takes an eroded auarter and saves it for future production; the livestock producer who makes the best utilization of his land—these are things worthy of recognition. What is more, the publicizing of practical accomplishments might become a soil conservation snowball that would have a real and lasting impact on our farm economy.

School teachers and trade unions

In the controversy that has arisen between the Alberta minister of education, Hon. Ivan Casey, and the school teachers' union, we're on the side of the minister. Mr. Casey, in a speech to the teachers' convention hit back strongly at extreme statements made in teachers' union publications and took officials of the organization severely to task.

What teachers probably don't realize is that when you organize a union you have

union officials. Union officials keep themselves in jobs by making as much noise as possible. That demonstrates to an unthinking membership that the officials are on the job battling for the rights of the members. It enables them to entrench themselves in office and in power. That is the way organizations operate. That the officials sometimes make their organizations look ridiculous by outlandish pronunciamentoes is likewise a common occurrence.

There was once a time in this country when our teachers as a class were woefully underpaid. That arose in part because teaching school was only a transitory pause on the road to some other career. Thousands of Canadians worked their way through university by teaching school. Those who chose teaching as a permanent job gravitated naturally to the better pay and more comfortable life in the larger centres. That left our one-room schools dependent upon the transients. The teacher shortage was always most pronounced in the country. And if wages for teachers were low in the hinterlands, so in fact was the income of the people who paid the wages. In all the agitation for improved teachers' wages, the whole emphasis has been on the bottom bracket. It has never been on the much higher level enjoyed by those who landed jobs in the cities. That, too, is normal trade union tactics.

In recent years the level of teachers' wages has risen substantially. The average in Alberta, as Mr. Casey pointed out, is now nearing \$2,200 a year. But the problem of filling the one-room schools remains. It was in an effort to solve this problem that the bursary system was adopted under which students, in return for bursaries, undertook to spend a short period of years teaching in the rural schools. This is condemned by the union officials as indentured labor. Their solution, like that of all union officials is a simple one — higher and still higher average wages.

It's about time we think for school teachers to take stock of their position. Teaching, like plumbing or carpentering, is something of an art as well as a trade. A good teacher is a pearl beyond price. A poor teacher is an unmitigated menace. But when you have unions there is no way in which to award merit or to get rid of a nuisance. The good are penalized and the poor are rewarded. As Mr. Casey remarked, there is no way by which the incompetents can be screened out. The teachers themselves would probably rise up in arms against any such suggestion.

The fact is that our teachers today have reached a level of income comparable to that of most of the people who pay their salaries. They work fewer hours than any other public employees in the country - $5\frac{1}{2}$ hours a day with two 20-minute recesses, five days a week. Their \$2,200 average wage in Alberta is for slightly over nine months' work. Working a 271/2-hour week, over 42 weeks in a year, their total working time is around 1,200 hours. So they are paid approximately \$1.85 an hour. That is much higher than almost any other union in Canada has been able to achieve. It is well above what is earned by policemen, firemen, carpenters and printers. And we are not prepared to concede that we will find a higher average level of intelligence or competence among our teachers than in any of the other skilled trades.

The year comes to an end on a disquieting note

By BEN MALKIN

WITH the intervention of Chinese Communist troops in the Korean war, the fighting in the Far East took a grave turn in early November. As L. B. Pearson, Canada's minister of external affairs, pointed out in a speech in Windsor, the job of the United Nations was to convince China and Russia that U.N. action did not constitute a threat to the Manchurian and Siberian frontiers.

Failure to do this might result in a general war, when every effort of the United Na-tions, and of the Western democracies, was aimed at preventing war. At the same time, it was necessary to meet the Communist threat with strength, but not provocative strength. The situation called for both tact and firmness, and this the United Nations tried to display by calling on the Chinese Communists to appear before the U.N. security council to answer charges of aggression, while at the same time being given assurances that the U.N. would not damage Chinese interests in Korea.

The fact of Chinese intervention was indicative of a major breakdown in American military intelligence in Korea, itself a cause of concern, for the United States has assumed the military leadership of the Western countries. Apparently the Chinese were able to dig in about 50 miles south of the Manchurian border, and according to Washington sources, American and South Korean troops bypassed them without even knowing that they were there. Before the advanced U.N. troops could be reinforced, the Chinese turned around and neatly caught them in a trap. It was not a performance that would tend to hearten allies of the U.S.

Meanwhile, an election in the United States which whittled down the Democratic majority in the Senate to two men creatin the Senate to two men created uncertainty in friendly capitals, including Ottawa, concerning the future trend of American foreign policy. The Republican leader was Senator Taft of Ohio. His prestige was enormously enhanced by the majority of 430,000 that he obtained. The uncertainty was caused by the fact that in caused by the fact that in action he had taken a fairly consistent isolationist position, and that the isolationist wing among the Republicans had been reinforced by five new Senators. Although Taft had originally voted for Marshall Aid, he had also voted against the Atlantic Pact, against furnishing military aid to Europe, and against President Truman's Point Four program for helping backward countries improve their living standards through technical aid from U.S. Policy Split

FORTUNATELY, the Republicans were split on for-eign policy, with Senator Van-denberg of Michigan, chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, leading the wing that supported President Truman's foreign policy. The West hoped that Vandenberg would retain his leadership among the Republicans in foreign policy matters, while Taft would stick to domestic problems.

But the hope was qualified by the fact that Taft was a strong man who might still seek the Republican presidential nomin-ation in 1952. As such, he could scarcely refrain from trying to direct Republican foreign policy. At best, it looked as if Truman would have trouble holding the gains that have been made in the past two years been made in the past two years in strengthening the West's defences against Russia's expansionist ambitions. At worst, the West's defences, built so painfully, might be seriously weakened.

It was small wonder, then, that in November Canadians and Britons were worried. gorous United States leadership appeared to them absolutely essential if the West were to make a stand against Stalinist expansion. Only the U.S. had the wealth, population and re-sources to give this leadership. It had to give military aid, and it had to give economic aid. Now, if an isolationist U.S. Congress were to start thinking of the rest of the world as a bunch of bums (as the archisolationist Chicago Tribune likes to think of other countries), that leadership would be lacking, and the defences against Soviet imperialism might crumble. The West had plenty of cause for worry.

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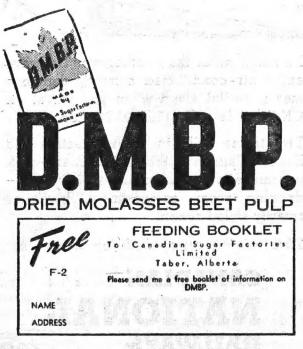


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definitions when conversation gets around to "outlaw" horses. Everybody knows what you're talking about — a completely unmanageable, unrideable, unbreakable, and often untouchable steed. And as often as not, when we talk about outlaws, we add that they are stupid, jugheaded, stubborn and crazy.

For all of this I have one word — Bunk!

It may well be that there are outlaw horses, horses that can never be managed or trained or even fed. All I know is I've never seen any, and I've been training horses for 20 years or more. And as for these socalled outlaws being crazy or stupid, that I refuse most of all to believe. The fact is that an "outlaw" is usually a highly intelligent creature. He has quickly discovered that by reacting in a certain way, he can quickly circumvent the efforts of the person trying to "break" him. It is intelligence plus courage, stamina and fear that makes him an outlaw. That, often coupled with the stupidity and brutality of the person try-ing to "break" him.

Let me illustrate this point by an actual experience, one of many that I could cite. During the war I was for a time stationed at Moncton, N.B., with the R.C.A.F. As part of the Air Force recreation programme we started a riding club for airmen. In getting the necessary horses I met Edward Daulton of Newcastle who had brought in a carload of western bronks. In the lot was one of the worst "outlaws" I had ever seen. She had to be enclosed in a stall and fed through a hole in the wall because she had come over a door after the stableman who tried to feed her.

Three weeks after I started training her, she could be and was ridden by a nine-year-old boy. Turned loose, she could be easily caught with a halter. She'd ride with only a halter and would bow and lie down on command.

How did I do it? Well certainly not by magic or with mirrors. Basically, the secret of success in horse training, as in school teaching or anything else, is to build up in the mind of the pupil confidence that the teacher is a friend who will cause no pain or harm and knows what he is doing and what he wants done.

With the Moncton "outlaw" get a halter on her. Believe me, the first step of course was to took no liberties with her as I knew she had been worked over by some good horsemen to

In this Prairie country you it. This halter is a special addon't have to bother with justable halter made of 3%" rope, thirty feet long. I use this same halter training and teaching to lead, any type of horse or colts.

> Once the halter is on and fitting properly your pupil is in the same frame of mind as many people who have watched the procedure. The horse won-ders how was that done. Peo-ple say, how did he do it? This way of catching takes a little longer than the lasso, but it is well worth the time. It would take a lot of space to explain this system of catching, as you this system of catching, as you have to work on a system of natural re-actions from the

> > Long Rope

THE reason for this length of rope is: This horse sees man as his enemy. The halter is a thing she does not like. With these facts in mind to accomplish a natural re-action from this horse you have to teach her you are not her enemy but her friend. When she does what you want her to do you appreciate her work. So I stay as far away as this rope will allow me to. My pupil feels there is safety in distance, and so did I with this horse.

That old saying kept flashing through my mind, "go slow and easy if you want to make a hit with me." My horse was not so slow and easy as soon as it realized it was caught, but I just kept out of her way until I got a heavy halter on her. Then I tied her securely to another horse and led the two off -a saddle horse—that is as soon as the big struggle for freedom was over.

When we landed at the stables where I was training, I turned her loose in a nice big box stall. I fed her well then watered her later. I explained to the chore boy how to safely feed her next day. I came in the cool of the next evening to start training her. That was almost two days rest after her

big struggle.

When I opened the top door she charged as usual. I used the pole and halter to catch her again. Then I took her to a nice soft grassy field to start teaching her. To make a long story short, I kept her away from myself until we got to the exact spot I had selected.

Big Thrill

THEN came the thriller for both of us. I wanted to hobble her on all four feet. Did I do it? Yes, I did. Then I got to the end of that thirty feet of rope as quickly as I could. The reason for this is, if you are close to a horse when they are no avail.

I caught her in the stall with a pole and a halter hanging on feel you are the cause. When she quit struggling and stood still which was only a few minutes later, I started to come closer to her. When she tried to come after me I jumped away and to one side. At the same time I gave a light jerk or quick draw on the halter. By natural re-action she soon learned she was only hurting herself by trying to chase me away. In one hour she learned to stand still. I could handle her head and picked up all four feet out of the hobble. Also she had learned that nothing hurt her when I was near.

The next day I gave her two lessons. I did not have to use



the pole to catch her, but when I turned my back leading her she made a grab for me. But as I was watching and no harm came of it, only she got the jerk on the halter which meant something to her now. I took her to the same place as before and put on the hobble. In a slight reminding way I reviewed the previous lesson. Then took off the hobble and proceeded, gentling and teaching to mount.

My way of training, gentling and teaching to mount consists of, teaching to stand still as I swing the long end of the halter rope over their head with a fast swishing sound. I also hit the ground on both sides, then roll the rope up to them on both sides so as it mingles with their front and hind feet. Then I rub them over with an old blanket, afterwards toss the same blanket over their back, then from one side to the other.

Then to Mount

WHEN this horse was gentled to stand for these things I prepared to teach her to mount. I'll not go into detail on this, but in one hour and a half she stood still while I jumped on her back and went right on over and landed on the other side; then jumped back over from that side. I also laid full length on her back with my feet resting on her hips.

That was all of the first lesson. The second lesson started late that same afternoon. I started by taking her to the same place. Did not use the hobble, but gave her a general examination of her lessons to date, which she had remembered exceptionally well. After she had shown me she was smart enough to pass her examination on her lessons this far I

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Teaching to rein on my system takes one hour to two hours, on the average an hour and a half. I drove her back to the stable on long reins. She would back, turn left or right, also I could stop her and walk up to either side. I was back to the stall in the hour and a half.

You will notice I keep referring to the length of time. This is very important. If I were to work on a horse longer, I find they get tired and weary. I know when I get tired and weary I get cranky and fed up, so does a horse.

Keep any pupil fresh and well fed, it is one of nature's great blessings when carried out by any hand.

The next evening when I opened the stall door she seemed pleased to see me for the first time. Why, after all these strenuous lessons was she glad to see me?

She had got to the stage where she liked to be near me. She knew I always took her outside. She had finally started to be a friend of man.

I took her out to the same place, put her through a quick examination starting jumping back and forth over her back, then put on the saddle and bridle, then backed her by the bit from standing in front first, after this put on the long reins and drove her around for twenty minutes bringing her back to the same place we started from. Put on a short set of reins for riding and got on her back to ride. What happened? Well I did not let her go forward, I started her to back and turn first one way then the other. I rode her in to the barn that evening all complete inside the hour and a half.

A Full Day

THE next day I had a full day, I rode her four different times and never over half an hour actually. I only like to ride a horse for twenty minutes for the first few rides. Then increase according to their condition.

This considered outlaw never did buck as long as I knew of her. Within two weeks of the time I started to teach her a boy nine years old rode her.

In three weeks she was taught to lay down with a person on her back as well as do a nice bow.

She was the smoothest horse I have ever rode on the trot. She would neckrein with only a halter.

A year ago last summer I trained two horses that had been used for bucking horses at rodeos, and this same system turned them into nice saddle horses. In fact, I have never

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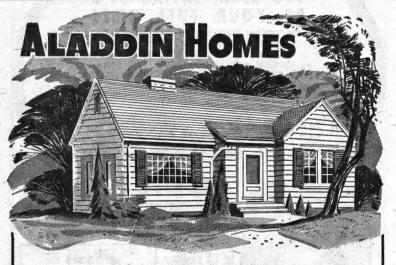


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Getting ready for Christmas in a world full of hate

By REV. FRANK S. MORLEY, Ph.D.

I WISH we could make Christmas Christian. We are a long way from the spirit of that first Christmas, the story of a baby born in a manger because there was no room for Him in the inn. Like the other great "holy days" of Christianity, Christmas is becoming a pagan festival. It is commercialized to the greatest possible extent. Every appeal is made to human envy and greed. Customers buy more than they can afford. It is an orgy of eating and drinking.

Outside our democratic world the clouds of war grow darker. Down in the boiling inferno of human hatred seethes the in-sanity of another war. A new gas, Tabun, is advertised as "a gas that drives men mad". Military leaders boast of chemical and biological weapons more devastating than the atom bomb, weapons which could exterminate the last vestige of animal and vegetable life from the earth. The British have a rocket plane which has powerdived from 36,000 feet at 900 miles an hour. The United States has pilotless aircraft which will travel at a thousand miles an hour. The Russians boast of an infra-red ray which will melt any metal at a range of 6.2 miles distance.

No wonder Maxwell Anderson in his play, "Wingless Victory", thinks Christ came too soon. The scene of the play is 150 years ago in the town of Salem, Massachusetts. Nathaniel McQueston left Salem to return with enough wealth to arose the envy of his fellow citizens. He also brought back a wife and two children. Herein lies the tragedy. Oparre, his wife, is a Malay princess who has been converted from a barbaric faith to Christianity.

Alas, she soon discovers the cruelty of which false Christians are capable. They not only hate her husband for his

wealth. They have the most bitter racial prejudice against herself. When she sees her husband surrendering to the spirit of evil, she takes her "unwanted babes" on a ship to return to her native land. She renounces Christianity. Then she takes poison. Turning to her ancient gods of barbarism, she prays:

"The earth rolls toward the dark, and men begin to sleep. God of the children, God of the lesser children of the earth, the black, the unclean, the vengeful, you are mine now as when I was a child. He came too soon, this Christ of peace. Men are not ready yet. Another hundred thousand years they must drink your potion of tears and blood."

Light Will Grow

No, Oparre! You are wrong! He came when we needed Him. This world is a shuddering horror, with so deep and wide a sea of human misery that it has drowned many hearts like yours. Yet without Him how much darker this world would be! He is the light that shines in our darkness and the darkness cannot put it out. This world is dark enough, God knows, but we turn to Him for the Light of life. That Light will grow until finally it will flood the Eternal City and "there is no night there."

There are many people who have seen that light and at Christmas time they watch for it. Their hearts meditate upon it. They get ready for it.

As we meditate upon Bethlehem, we shall remember that God by-passed Jerusalem. Jerusalem was the seat of government, so God did not mean salvation to the world to come through politics. Jerusalem was was the business center of the world. We shall not be saved by "big business" or by econ-

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found a horse that was sound and right I could not train to the satisfaction of the owner.

Well, that's the story of one "outlaw". Many horses have been called "outlaws" by men who were very good horsemen, men who have broken from five to a 100 horses a year.

What does the dictionary say about the meaning of the word outlaw: "One excluded from the benefit of the law. To deprive of the benefit of the law."

In my experience I would say this horse or pupil is one who has been deprived of the benefit of the law, and, thereby his natural re-action has been to take the law in his own hands. What law is there that any horse would respect? The law of nature, the greatest law of all.

The only law he has ever known. He cherishes this law of nature because he has been able to live off nature to the time man tries to teach him the laws of man, such as do not kick, strike, bite, rear, charge, jump fences, smash through fences and many other things which this horse thinks is the right thing to do but man will say is wrong, and what an outlaw if he does all these things. Why the outlaw, just because he tries to protect his rights, and does so many things wrong, according to man and what man thinks he should do.

When the outlaw is trained and shown right from wrong, he has, as a rule, accepted man as another part of nature. Provided always that he is taught, not broken and forced.

omic readjustments. Jerusalem was the headquarters of the Church. We shall not be saved by ecclesiastical power and control. Jerusalem was the educational center. We shall not be saved by education, for education is a two-way street with heaven at one end and hell at the other. All these things are essential as instruments, but the saving force in the world is spiritual power among the common people. We are dependent for salvation upon men and women who turn toward Bethlehem and are converted to its spirit.

Days of Laughter

WE should prepare Christmas, therefore. We should prepare first for chil-Christmas is the day of the Christ-child. It brings back the memory of a child born in a manger. It is a day that recalls our own childhood when laughter came so readily to us and trifles had the sheen and beauty of treasures. Christmas commemorates a Christ who put a child in the midst of hardhearted, worldly men and said, "Suffer the little children to come unto Me, and forbid them not; for of such is the Kingdom of God." Jesus thus put a child on the judgment throne of mankind. Whatever is good for a child is good for society.

Let us think of children at Christmas. We cannot hate a child. If only we could get a picture of little children, surely we would feel a greater anguish over bombed cities. Tourists tell of signs at railroad stations in Germany asking passengers not to throw food to children. Why? Because they might get hurt or even killed in the mad scramble for food. Our newspapers carry pictures of potato crops being destroyed. We are an island of luxury. Merciful God! Can we not lift our imaginations to see the horrors of suffering children, children who will never know what it is to be young, who are old and poor and hungry and homeless and cold?

Getting ready for Christmas makes us remember Christmas belongs to the workingman. The angels did not go to Herod or the High Priest. Not even to Pontius Pilate or the Roman Emperor. They came to farmers. The first public declaration of Jesus was that He had come to proclaim the year of Jubilee — a year in which liberty was given to all who were sold into slavery, debts were cancelled, and everybody who had lost his property got it back. It was a year of justice and freedom and magnificent generosity everybody.

Despite the evil never before in man's history has there been so much potential prosperity. A paradise is possible. We could abolish hunger. We have discovered that the Arctic and the Tropics hold vast possibilities of production. We can make

one grew before. The docile hen will lay not thirty but three hundred eggs a year. We have entered a new age of plastics and chemicals for construction. A passion for social justice is abroad in the world. This is the appeal of Communism. It is not purely evil. People are dreaming of a society which will lift them from degradation and desperation. When President Roosevelt stated the slogan for the war — "Our objectives are clear . . . establishing and securing freedom of speech . . . of religion . . . from want ... from fear everywhere in the world" - he was paraphrasing the message of Christmas, "Peace on earth, Goodwill to-ward men". He was stating the meaning of the Messiah's birth—to bring in the Kingdom of God.

The Home

THRISTMAS is a family day. Never has home been so important. Men are made by their homes. It is known by all social workers that juvenile delinquents are usually the product of broken homes. Education depends on the home. Moral training depends on the home. Christian teaching depends on the home. Parents today are shirking their responsibilities. They turn their children over to organizations. They are too busy. Christmas recalls us to the family circle. It is one time when we get together. It is a symbol of what life should be.

At Christmas we also prepare for angels. H. G. Wells has a story about an angel's visit to earth - "The Wonderful Visit" The angel had a very hard time of it. Getting ready for angels means to listen for God's voice, to become aware of the divine, to cultivate our spiritual powers. Men who dash out to work on a Blue Monday, are depressed by a stock market drop on Tuesday, shop for customers on Wednesday, are irritated by a bad deal Thursday, whose morals is destroyed by a hailstorm Friday, therefore drink too much Saturday and spend Sunday sleeping or in sports, should not wonder if their awareness of God is dim. How could anybody be real? Christmas is a call to the reality of the spiritual.

Let us have a Christian Christmas this year. Meditate on the essential meaning. Then let us, like the Wise Men of all ages, bow in dedication to this meaning. Most of all, let us say a prayer for peace. At every fireside, at every Christmas tree, let there be a prayer for peace. "Tell the people in America", said a G.I. facing death in Korea, "That there must be a better way to settle an argument than this, and if they care anything for their own children they will find it."

There is a better way. It is the way of Christmas. It is the

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Extra care is needed to keep plants winter healthy

By H. F. HARP

HOUSE plants are subject to more discomfort at this season than at any other.

We can relieve this discomfort to a great extent by bearing in mind that house plants require far less water in winter than they do in summer, that they enjoy regular syringing to keep foliage free of dust and grime and most of them need all the sunlight possible. No repotting should be attempted till the days lengthen again and the sun increases in power. Early March is a good time to renovate plants that have become unthrifty.

House plants may be conveniently divided into three classes as far as winter bathing requirements are needed. First are those that have broad leaves, rigid stems and stand in greatest need of frequent washings. Included are Aspidistera, Rubber Plant, Bowstring-Hemp, Lemon and Orange Plants, etc. All these benefit greatly for regular washings in soft water. The water may be applied by means of a syringe or a sponge. Plants with "leathery" foliage may be occasionally sponged with milk to improve their appearance. This regular washing is most important to the plant well being and if faithfully attended to throughout the dark days of winter a greatly improved plant will result.

Heat Hazard

One of the chief causes of insect pests, especially red spider mite, thrips, and mealy bug is the dry atmosphere and excessively high temperatures usually found in homes at this season. Chances of attacks of these pests will be reduced considerably if plants are regularly washed. And here is how to go about it:

Place a bath mat in the bath tub and lay each plant down on its side on the mat. Have soft water heated to 10° above room temperature and add a teaspoonful of soap flakes to each gallon of water. Thoroughly spray or sponge plants, allow them to drain before returning them to their regular position. Once a week will be often enough and once a month a teaspoonful of "Black Leaf 40" will help keep plants free of pests if added to the soapy water.

Some plants may be of a size small enough to permit them to be immersed in the soap water. A large pail or wash-tub is satisfactory for holding the water and the plants are held upside down and gently swished about in the pail. They must be carefully held otherwise they may fall out of the pots.

The second class of house plants include Pelargoniums (Pansy Geraniums), Cyclamens, Fuschias, Coleus, Primulas, etc. These all enjoy washings in soft water, but less frequent applications are recommended. About once a month will do.

Water Hazard

The third group is made up of plants having soft foliage and are easily harmed by carelessly wetting the leaves. In this group of plants are African Violets, Gloxinias and some Begonias that have delicate foliage.

If these plants are to be cleansed of winter's accumulation of dust and grime or severely stricken with pests they may be treated to a warm, soft-water bath. Have water at 80° and add the recommended quantity of soap flakes and "Black Leaf 40". Carefully dipeach plant and allow to drain for a few minutes, then restore,

it to its position in the window shading from intense light with tissue paper. Allow paper to remain for a day or two. No harm will result if these precautions are taken. In fact the plants will take on new life.

Ferns require weekly washings in soft water at room temperature. No soap or nicotine need be added unless plants are infested with pests. Maiden Hair fern, however, should not be subjected to frequent washings. When these ferns are in an unthrifty condition they should be allowed to become dry to the point of wilting and then cut off all the fronds to an inch from the base of the stems. Careful watering will be necessary till the new growth appears.

The use of fertilizers had best be discontinued during the short days, but by mid-February established plants will benefit by a light application of



"Vigoro" or other complete fertilizer. Scatter it over the surface of the Soil and gently water it in.

It is a good plan to have vessels of water placed about the living quarters to increase humidity, but on no account should plants be allowed to remain standing in pans or bowls of water for any length of time. Many African Violets have been spoiled by this means, as they are left in water till the tender rootlets suffocate and die.

If house plants have become very dry so that ordinary methods of watering fail to completely saturate the soil they can only be properly watered by standing them in a pail or other suitable container of water that reaches about half way up the pot. When the plant has taken up water sufficient to thoroughly wet the soil on the surface it should be taken out and allowed to drain before replacing it in its proper place. One thing more though house plants require considerably less water in win-ter than they do in summer we must remember to completely soak the soil when we have satisfied ourselves that the plant stands in need of water. Use soft water at room temperature and water plants in the mornings rather than later in the day.

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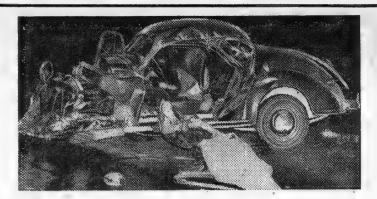
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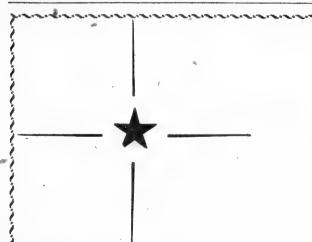
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B.C. milk price boost raises controversial storm

By A. J. DALRYMPLE

MOST momentous news in British Columbia during the past month was the increase in the price of standard milk (3.5 per cent butterfat) from 17 cents per quart to 19 cents; and the price of special milk (4.5 per cent.) from 19 cents to 21 cents per quart.

The application for the increase was made to E. C. Carr, B.C.'s one-man Milk Board, by five distributors who claimed that rising costs were making it extremely difficult for them to

On the other hand, the Fraser Valley Milk Producers' Association, with more than 6,000 members and four manufacturing plants, opposed the increase on the grounds that it would result in reduced sales.

As was anticipated in the trade, the price boost brought a storm of protest from many quarters, and brought into sharp focus the complicated setup involved in the produc-tion, processing and distribution of milk.

The opposition to the increase as expressed by the Fraser Valley Milk Producers' Association, caused more than a flurry of interest, with persons in many walks of life expressing their views on platform and in print; distributors stating their case in newspaper advertising space and the pensioners and others writing to the editors.

All agreed that the increase was a hard blow to the thousands in the low income areas of the coast. It is reporting the obvious to say that many persons have come to the shores of the Pacific to enjoy retirement in a soft climate and a small annuity, only to find that living expenses, certainly in Vancouver, are reckoned about the highest in Canada.

Volume of letters reaching the Vancouver Daily Province in early November was so great that a special column was made available for letters on the milk situation.

Then on November 14, news came that Vancouver Island Dairymen's Association were petitioning for an increase. They said that costs of production on the island were higher than those on the mainland; and they added the following points: increased cost of feed and materials, increased demand for constant supplies of low-temperature milk, increased costs of labor.

In the Milk Board report to the Provincial Cabinet it was stated that compared with 13 other Canadian cities, milk in Vancouver selling at 17 cents per quart was lower than in any other of the cities. The Board ordered the price up to 19 cents; and special milk up to 21 cents, per quart.

Officials of Dairyland, retail outlet for Fraser Valley Milk Producers' Association, representing 80 per cent of the active milk producers in the Fraser Valley, took paid advertising space to say:

"We sincerely regret that the provincial Milk Board has imposed a price increase. We believe, however, that even under the new prices, a fair comparison with other foods will indicate to you that milk is still your best and cheapest buy.

Dr. Stewart Murray, Vancouver medical health officer, felt that many children who were not getting quite enough milk, would probably enjoy less after the increase in price.

At the same time an increase of from 10 cents to 15 cents per glass of milk in cafes brought complaints and calls for substitutes.

Ald. Anna Sprott, Vancouver, declared people should keep on protesting the milk price in-crease "until it becomes such an issue something will be done about it.

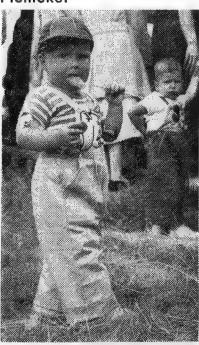
Ald. Sprott then called for 100 per cent excess profits tax on big business in protesting the rising cost of living. About 80 women unanimously passed a resolution that "the taxation policy of the government should be one of increased taxation on excess profits and a lowering of taxation on con-sumer goods."

It termed prices on necessities of life "unreasonable" and "unjustified".

Duplicate Service

Any discussion of milk prices in Vancouver is not complete without someone making the charge that there is duplication of services. That is to say,

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Betty Crook of Brooks sent us this shot of Roger Kunkel of Rosemary having fun at a picnic.

there are trucks of three or four dairies on every street.

Many persons, however, appear to overlook the fact that it would be well nigh impossible under our present system of living to have one company take over one street, and another dairy another.

purchaser prefers to deal with only enters into the scheme of one company, and some prefer things, but has considerable to do business with another.

Another factor often overlooked is that the man who de- letter from L. H. Lawrence,

In this connection there is a livers the milk is often a "sales-man." That trend is improving letters that there are too many

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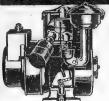
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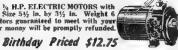


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Red Deer gets a sanctuary for a Xmas present

By KERRY WOOD

DURING December, those of us who are fond of the friendly creatures of field and forest sometimes include them in our remembrance of the Christmas spirit of goodwill towards all. Our presents usually take the tangible form of setting out food at Winter Bird Feeders, or carrying suet and favorite seeds out to the woodlands to scatter amidst the wild haunts, while sometimes we festoon the branches of a live evergreen tree with offerings and call it a Birds' Christmas Tree. These are simple services, easily rendered and providing a small satisfaction. They are merely token tributes to nature at this joyous time of vear.

But this season, something very special has occurred in my home district to mark this 1950 Christmas as a memorable occasion for many of our wildland denizens. Naturalists are rejoicing in a gift that will mean a great deal to our local birds and animals for many years to come, and a gift that also provides the givers with a continual enjoyment of nature's bounty. We have established a Wildlife Sanctuary.

The history of the gift starts many years ago, when a kindly natured farmer owned a sizeable tract of undeveloped woodlands and lake waters located a short distance from our town. At that time there was a num-ber of naturalists banded together as a club with headquarters in the town, and many farmers had joined with the townsfolk to make the nature study group a fairly large organization. These naturalists had always viewed the woodland and water area owned by the kindly farmer as a sort of natural refuge for birds and This fact was once mentioned to the farmer-owner,

and that public-spirited man promptly offered to co-operate with the naturalists and make the region a bird sanctuary.

This was done, under the benevolent blessing of the farmer-owner. But that good man died, and when his estate was sold the provincial government bought all his farmlands, in-cluding the wildland portion which had been posted as a Bird Sanctuary. With the change of ownership the sanctuary status could no longer be enforced. The signs came down and shooters once more roamed those woodlands in search of partridge and stalked the lakeshores in quest of waterfowl. The refuge idea was forgotten by all but the local naturalists.

These naturalists approached the government, directly and indirectly, seeking to reinstate the protective regulations of the past. But the plea was lost in the busy bustle of the times, with Canada then at war and governments too busy to be bothered with wildlife sancturaries. Even the beautiful spruce trees that framed the lakes began to suffer, and cutters invaded the woods to fell trees for saw-logs. Fires were set by boys and others, some of these threatening to destroy the whole forest in that region. On three different occasions, naturalists put out potential for-est-fires in the former bird sanctuary.

Then, recently, they were able to deal direct with the head of the provincial parks board, and this gentleman listened with interest to their plea for a wildlife sanctuary. He paid a visit to the district, walking over the area once protected by the kindly farmer. He quickly realized the worth of the naturalists' plan. Since the land was already owned by the government, no eash outlay was

necessary to acquire the region for provincial park purposes — all that was needed was a simple transfer of title from one government department to another. But who would administer the new park; who would look after its development?

Quickly and eagerly, the nature club offered its services, which suited the chairman of the parks board. Finally the the parks board. club was notified that the preserve plan had been approved by all members of the provincial parks board, also by the other government department which owned the land under discussion. From now on, the 230 acres of spruce and poplar forest and two water areas was to be preserved as a Wildlife Sanctuary under the direction of the local naturalists as custodians.

Public Support

AT once the club got busy with plans to improve the park. First and foremost, they had to enlist public support for the new sanctuary regulations. This meant that all those who had been shooting and trapping in the area had to understand that such activities were now prohibited. Signs featuring this were erected — but in all cases, the signs stressed that Visitors were Welcome. Tree Cutting was another prohibition: this region used to be invaded at Christmas time, when more than fifty promising trees were annually cut down by boys and their fathers seeking Yuletide evergreens. Fire-lighting was the final prohibition — but with reservations. In the past, fire lighting was mostly done by picnicers and skaters. Unfortunately, they lit their fires in the midst of a beautiful stand of spruces, and on occasion the fires spread into the moss of the forest-floor and smouldered dangerously there and threatened to destroy the whole forest. So, for the time being, firelighting in the new Sanctuary is prohibited. But next spring, the naturalists hope to establish one and perhaps two picnicing areas, with stone-built fireplaces where parties of young folks and family groups may roast weiners or fry pancakes in comfort — and without endangering the woodlands.

As for plans to improve the sanctuary for the use of birds and animals: the main idea is to protect them and enforce that protection. But the naturalists are building over 100 bird-boxes this winter to be erected in the new park next spring, and also hope to install feeding stations throughout the preserve in the near future. Another improvement will be the building of a number of waterfowl resting platforms or rafts, anchored out from shore in the midst of the best plant-food growth on the two lakes in the Sanctuary. Some of the club's naturalists have experimented with these resting rafts for waterfowl in the past, learning that ducks are fond of such platforms: where they can rest safely where they may pren their fea-thers and congregate for sociable quackfests.

Lake Improvement

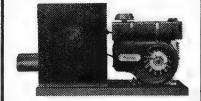
To make the two lakes more interesting for waterfowl, the naturalists intend to stock the region with suitable food-plants of interest to ducks. Already some twelve varieties of waterfowl visit and nest near the lakes, with shorebirds in good numbers and more than fifty species of other birds making use of the fields and woodlands for nesting, or for visiting during migration flights. Upwards of twenty-five varieties of animals live there, from deer down to Zapus, the jumping mouse that can clear six feet at a single bound.

So this Christmas, we feel that a special present has been given to the friendly creatures of the woodlands near our homes. And we know that we are going to enjoy that gift our-

It is an idea that other communities, other farm districts can easily copy. Some towns have a natural picnicing spot near them that should be preserved in this Sanctuary pattern, while many farmers own undeveloped wastelands in odd corners of their holdings that could be posted as wildlife pre-serves. We know that our forests are shrinking, that our wildlife heritage has suffered terrific losses on this continent as result of human despoiling of timbers, waters, and changing natural habitats of birds and animals. Most birds are valuable allies of farmers, helping to control the insect pests. Many wild animals are also beneficial, preying on destructive mice and ground squirrels that take an annual toll of our cereal crops. These useful birds and animals have earned our respect and deserve our protection.

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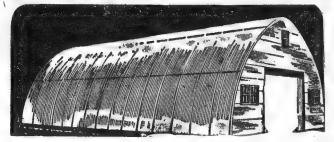
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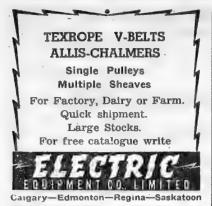


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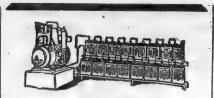
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but one even sat quite saucily on the scarecrow itself. Hoping to turn the tables on the birds, he brought a gun, changed into ragged clothes, stuck bits of straw into parts of an old hat, put on a mask of a sort, stuck a rake in front of him, laid his arms and gun on it and waited in the field. Whether the blackbirds had a premoition of what was a-foot is not known. Anyway the man grew very tired of playing scarecrow and left the field - defeated.

Wm. Grasiuk.

Landonville, Alta.

The other day I was all at once startled by the sound of splintering glass coming from the front room of the house. I thought a mirror must have fallen from the wall, when I went to the door of the room, I saw the floor covered with broken glass, but no broken mirror. Then I glanced up at the window and saw two small panes of glass on the inside window smashed, and one large one on the storm window. I looked outside but everything seemed as usual, nothing in sight that could have caused the crash. I walked to the window again and noticed the lace curtain hanging over a plant which was bent over. When I started to straighten up the plant, I found a dead partridge lying on the flower pot. There were no feathers or skin left on the breast. It had apparently been pursued by a hawk, and flew, as it thought, to a place of refuge, but instead encountered death by the broken glass.

Mrs. F. Haines.

Jordan River, Sask.

One day I was working in the house, and I heard my little eighteen-months-old girl scream outside. I ran to see what was the matter. I saw our rooster which was always mean, pecking at my poor girl's head. Before I had time to reach her, our gobbler ran and chased the rooster away and stood by the baby to keep watch. I thought that was very smart for a gobbler.

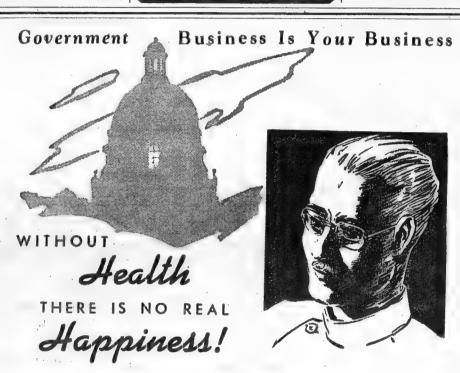
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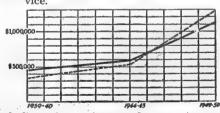
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this fall we left our small-neck- we noticed it and took it off. ed vinegar jug in the field. About two months later I found fifteen dead mice in it. They say curiosity killed the cat, and mice, too.

Dean Wilson. Delburne, Alta.

As I was walking through the vard one afternoon about 4 p.m., I heard a sound. I went over to investigate. I saw a "ruffed grouse" had just flown into the yard and was picking a fight with my bantam rooster. The rooster was quite willing to fight, but the grouse would jump around it too fast. After five minutes of this the grouse flew away.

Verne Wiese. R,R, 1, Rimbey, Alta.

As I was coming in the door from school one day my cat was in the middle of the floor, and, not a foot away, was a live mouse. On the other side there was a toy rubber mouse, the same distance. The cat didn't know if this was a real mouse or not, so he went a little closer and sniffed at the live mouse. Then he went the same distance away from the rubber mouse. He knew that since he could not smell the rubber mouse at the same distance away as he could from the live mouse, that it couldn't be a live mouse, so he looked at it and walked away. I scared the live mouse when I came in, so he couldn't eat it as we put mouse poison in the house for the mice.

Anna Simmons. Tawatinaw, Alberta.

Whenever my mother goes for wood our cat follows close and climbs on the post by the wood pile. When Mom has her wood on, the cat jumps off the post on to her armfull and rides to the house.

Johnnie Leavi Golby. Pembridge, Alberta.

After skating was over last spring, I hung my skates in our garage near the ceiling. One day in June I happened to see some straws hanging over the side of one of the skates; on looking into it I saw that a Bluebird had hatched out 4 little Bluebirds.

Malcolm Morrison. R.R. 4, Red Deer.

One morning while Dad and I were harnessing some horses Dad said that one collar was missing. So we looked out of the barn and there we saw one of our cows with a collar around its neck. The barn had been open during the night and the collar had been hanging on a nail. When the cow's horn touched the collar it fell around

While we were out stooking her neck and there it stayed till

Bert Reich.

Tomahawk, Alberta.

Last Friday (Nov. 10), when I was returning home from school I saw a coyote walk across a field onto the road. I was about 100 yards from it, but I kept on walking toward him to see what he would do. He didn't move until I was about 20 yards from him. Then he gave me a dirty look, jumped over the ditch and disappeared into the opposite field.

Annette Kleinsasser. Biggar, Sask.

One day while digging potatoes in the garden I heard a chipmonk make a loud noise. I ran to the tree and there I saw a chipmonk sitting on the highest branch of the tree and a weasel at the other end waiting to catch it, but I killed it before it got the chipmonk.

Steve Fobbenza.

Colp, Alberta.

One evening as my brother and I were putting the cattle in the barn we noticed one of them was missing. After a thirty-minute search we found her in a tunnel in the straw pile. She couldn't turn around and she was too dumb to back up. We decided to dig to her through the side of the strawpile and finally we dug her out. Happy to be out, she quickly made her way to the barn.

Walter Iverson.

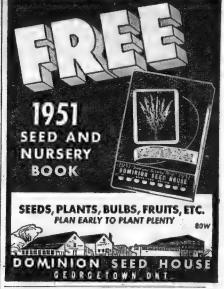
Endeavour, Sask.

While I was going along in the pasture to get the cows one Thursday morning I saw something moving in the grass. went over to have a closer look at it and found that it was a skunk with its head in a tin The skunk was desperately trying to shake it off. I couldn't help it for some special reasons, and so it died a few days later.

Edwin Friesen. Box 264, Winkler, Man.

One day a mother turkey and her little turkeys came to our place. When our dog passed them the mother turkey made one little sound and all the little turkeys ran in different directions and lay down on the grass. They lay there so still that I could go up to them and touch the little turkeys without them moving or making a sound. After the dog had passed the mother turkey made another sound and all the little turkeys ran to her again.

(Miss) Ingeborg Lubeseder. Prairie Echo, Alberta.



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Price spreads

To the Editor:

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Also for the 1949 crop no wheat was sold below \$2.00 per bushel, and the price the Board received from those countries not under contract was up to over \$2.20 per bushel, and we are to be settled with a price round \$1.82. The difference on what we received for our oats for the 1949 crop and the world price is just about as bad.

The payments on our 1950 wheat participation certificates should be around 50 cents. We know by past experience we shall not receive more than 25 cents per bushel. Please don't forget that the wheat farmers fed Canada on bread from wheat at 62 cents per bushel net to the farmer. The price for home consumption of round 78 cents was Ft. William price, 62 cents is below 1913 price and far below the cost of production.

Do you think the prairie farmers are getting a square deal?

(Signed) Critic.

Semans, Sask.

P.S.—If you wish you can check my figures and print them. I am very strong for our pool elevators. It is like putting our wheat in our own granary. But am not satisfied with the Wheat Board.

Defends Rodale article

IN the correspondence column of your November issue, W. R. Major, of Barrhead, Alta., offers some rather pungent criticism of an article written in allegory by J. I. Rodale con-cerning the foolishness and prodigality of a man who, somewhat mysteriously, and for twenty-nine centuries, has re-tained a reputation for the possession of more than average wisdom in spite of a supersusceptibility of feminine blan-dishments. This, of course, could be no other than King Solomon.

Mr. Major's caustic remarks begin in his second paragraph as follows: "I never before read anything . . ." He continues, but this clause is the only one which has bearing on the clever and informative article by Mr. Rodale. All the rest of Mr. Major's letter dealt with an entirely different subject.

Must we have this shadow C. R. Walrod. Kelowna, B.C. boxing?

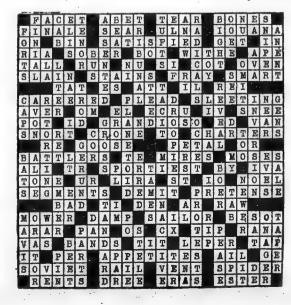
What about fur animals?

To the Editor:

I see in your October issue that the poison war on coyotes is in full swing again. I notice they mention killing a few stray dogs, but how about our other fur-bearing animals? For fifty years it has been against the law to use poison because too many furs were lost. Isn't it just as important today to protect our fur-bearing ani-mals as it was in years gone

Only a small percentage of these poison baits will be picked up by coyotes and the rest will

Solution to last month's puzzle



be left to poison any animal or bird that comes along to find it, including our blue jays, whiskey jacks and chickadees. These birds harm nobody. Why destroy them? They also mention these spray guns. Now a coyote is the most suspicious animal in the world, and to think that one would chew on a thing like that would be too ridiculous to even be funny. Some people might not know it, but our raw fur business runs into millions of dollars each vear.

John F. Heitman.

Sundre, Alta.

Going the wrong way?

To the Editor:

A subscriber of this paper for many years, I am under the impression that the Review has travelled a long way since the passing of its founder and former Editor, Chas. Peterson, and not in the right direction either.

I am not going to find fault with your recent attack on Mr. John Blackmore, it perhaps was well earned. But why pick on the member from Lethbridge alone? In my opinion, "Balder-dash," as you call it has long been the chief stock in trade of most of the members of the political profession.

If this were not so, why did political journalist Bruce Huchinson, a few months ago, take

up so much space in Maclean's Magazine to suggest to the Canadian public that perhaps Premier St. Laurent and associates, good, honest and true men that they were, may not always have been aware of all that they were saying. In other words, do we not find Mr. Blackmore in good company?

R. C. Beckwith.

Tatalrose, B.C.

One good mother is worth a hundred schoolmasters.

-George Herbert.

Prize Picture



John Lukenoff of Watson, Sask, sent us this shot of a couple of young hunters and their trophy.



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Hage of Poems for Christmas

The Epitaph

Here rests his head upon the lap of Earth
A Youth, to Fortune and to Fame unknown.
Fair Science trowned not on his humble birth,
And Melancholy marked him for her own.

Large was his bounty, and his soul sincere. Heaven did a recompense as largely send:
He gave to Misery (all he had) a tear,
He gained from Heaven ('twas all he wished) a friend.

No farther seek his merits to disclose. Or draw his frailties from their dread abode, (There they alike in trembling hope repose,)
The bosom of his Father and his God. -Thomas Gray.

Rock Me To Sleep

Backward, turn backward, O Time, in your flight, Make me a child again just for tonight!

Mother, come back from the echoless shore,
Take me again to your heart as of yore;
Kiss from my forehead the furrows of care,
Smooth the few silver threads out of my hair; Over my slumbers your loving watch keep;-Rock me to sleep, Mother—rock me to sleep!

Backward, flow backward, O tide of the years! I am so weary of toil and of tears— Toil without recompense, tears all in vain-Take them, and give me my childhood again! I have grown weary of dust and decay— Weary of flinging my soul-wealth away; Weary of sowing for others to reap;— Rock me to sleep, Mother—rock me to sleep!

Tired of the hollow, the base, the untrue, Mother, O Mother, my heart calls for you! Many a summer the grass has grown green, Blossomed and faded, our faces between: Vet, with strong yearning and passionate pain, Long I tonight for your presence again.

Come from the silence so long and so deep;—

Rock me to sleep, Mother—rock me to sleep!

Over my heart, in the days that are flown,
No love like mother-love ever has shone;
No other worship abides and endures—
Faithful, unselfish, and patient like yours:
None like a mother can charm away pain
From the sick soul and the world-weary brain. Slumber's soft calms o'er my heavy lids creep;-Rock me to sleep, Mother—rock me to sleep!

Come, let your brown hair, just lighted with gold, Fall on your shoulders again as of old; Let it drop over my forehead tonight, Shading my faint eyes away from the light; For with its sunny-edged shadows once more Haply will throng the sweet visions of yore; Lovingly, softly, its bright billows sweep;— Rock me to sleep, Mother—rock me to sleep!

Mother, dear Mother, the years have been long Since I last listened your lullaby song:
Sing, then, and unto my soul it shall seem
Womanhood's years have been only a dream.
Clasped to your heart in a loving embrace,
With your light lashes just sweeping my face, Never hereafter to wake or to weep;—
Rock me to sleep, Mother—rock me to sleep!
—Elizabeth Akers Allen.

A Visit From St. Nicholas

Twas the night before Christmas, when all through

the house
Not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse;
The stockings were hung by the chimney with care,
In hopes that St. Nicholas soon would be there;
The children were nestled all snug in their beds, While visions of sugar-plums danced in their heads

And mamma in her 'kerchief, and I in my cap, Had just settled our brains for a long winter's nap,-

Mhen out on the lawn there arose such a clatter, I sprang from the bed to see what was the matter, Away to the window I flew like a flash, Tore open the shutters and threw up the sash. The moon on the breast of the new-fallen snow
Gave the lustre of midday to objects below;
When what to my wondering eyes should appear,
But a miniature sleigh and eight tiny reindeer,
With a little old driver, so lively and quick,
I knew in a moment it must be St. Nick. More rapid than eagles his coursers they came, And he whistled and shouted, and called them by

name:
"Now, Dasher! now, Dancer! now, Prancer and

On, Comet! on, Cupid! on, Donder and Blitzen! To the top of the porch, to the top of the wall! Now dash away, dash away, dash away all!" As dry leaves that before the wild hurricane fly, When they meet with an obstacle, mount to the sky, So up to the house-top the coursers they flew, With the sleigh full of toys,—and St. Nicholas too.
And then in a twinkling I heard on the roof
The prancing and pawing of each little hoof.
As I drew in my head, and was turning around,
Down the chimney St. Nicholas came with a bound.
He was dressed all in fur from his head to his foot, And his clothes were all tarnished with ashes and soot:

A bundle of toys he had flung on his back, And he looked like a pedlar just opening his pack. His eyes, how they twinkled! his dimples, how

merry! His cheeks were like roses, his nose like a cherry; His droll little mouth was drawn up like a bow, And the beard of his chin was as white as the

The stump of a pipe he held tight in his teeth, And the smoke it encircled his head like a wreath. He had a broad face and a little round belly That shook, when he laughed, like a bowl full of

That shook, when he laughed, like a bowl full of jelly.

He was chubby and plump,—a right jolly old elf;

And I laughed, when I saw him, in spite of myself.

A wink of his eye and a twist of his head

Soon gave me to know I had nothing to dread.

He spoke not a word, but went straight to his work,

And filled all the stockings; then turned with a jerk,

And laying his finger aside of his nose,

And giving a nod, up the chimney he rose.

He sprang to his sleigh, to his team gave a whistle,

And away they all flew like the down of a thistle;

But I heard him exclaim, ere he drove out of sight,

"Happy Christmas to all, and to all a good-night!" "Happy Christmas to all, and to all a good-night!
—Clement Clarke Moore.

When the Frost is on the Punkin

When the frost is on the punkin and the fodder's in the shock,

And you hear the kyouck and gobble of the struttin'

And the clackin' of the guineys, and the cluckin' of the hens,

And the rooster's hallylooyer as he tiptoes on the fence;

O it's then's the times a feller is a-feelin' at his best,

best,
With the risin' sun to greet him from a night of
peaceful rest,
As he leaves the house, bare-headed, and goes out
to feed the stock,

When the frost is on the punkin and the fodder's in the shock.

They's something kindo' hearty-like about the atmusiere,
When the heat of summer's over and the coolin' fall

is here—
Of course we miss the flowers, and the blossoms on

the trees, And the mumble of the hummin'-birds and buzzin'

of the bees; But the air's so appetisin'; and the landscape

through the haze Of a crisp and sunny morning of the airly autumn days

Is a pictur' that no painter has the colorin' to mock—

When the frost is on the punkin and the fodder's

in the shock.

The husky, rusty rustle of the tossels of the corn, And the raspin' of the tangled leaves, as golden as the morn;

The stubble in the furries-kindo' lonesome-like, but still

A-preachin' sermons to us of the barns they growed to fill; The strawstack in the medder, and the reaper in

the shed; The hosses in theyr stalls below—the clover over-head!—

O, it sets my hart a-clickin' like the tickin' of a clock,

When the frost is on the punkin and the fodder's in the shock! -James Whitcomb Riley.

Duty

So nigh is grandeur to our dust,
So near is God to man,
When Duty whispers low, "Thou must,"
The youth replies, "I can."
—Ralph Waldo Emerson.

God, Give Us Men!

God, give us men! A time like this demands Strong minds, great hearts, true faith and ready hands:

Men whom the lust of office does not kill; Men whom the spoils of office cannot buy; Men who possess opinions and a will; Men who have honor; men who will not lie; Men who can stand before a demagogue And damn his treacherous flatteries without winking!

Tall men, sun-crowned, who live above the fog In public duty and in private thinking;
For while the rabble, with their thumb-worn creeds, Their large professions and their little deeds, Mingle in selfish strife, lo! Freedom weeps, Wrong rules the land and waiting Justice sleeps. -Josiah Gilbert Holland.

The Cry of a Dreamer

I am tired of planning and toiling
In the crowded hives of men;
Heart-weary of building and spoiling,
And spoiling and building again.
And I long for the dear old river,
Where I dreamed my youth away;
For a dreamer lives forever,
And a toiler dies in a day.

I am sick of the showy seeming.
Of a life that is half a lie;
Of the faces lined with scheming In the throng that hurries by.

From the sleepless thought's endeavour,
I would go where the children play;

For a dreamer lives forever,
And a thinker dies in a day.

I can feel no pride, but pity For the burdens the rich endure;
There is nothing sweet in the city
But the patient lives of the poor.
Oh, the little hands too skillful And the child mind choked with weeds! The daughter's heart grown willful, And the father's heart that bleeds!

No, no! from the street's rude bustle, From trophies of mart and stage, I would fly to the woods' low rustle And the meadow's kindly page. And the inectow's kindry page.

Let me dream as of old by the river,
And be loved for the dream alway;
For a dreamer lives forever,
And a toiler dies in a day.

-John Boyle O'Reilly.

The Duel

The gingham dog and the calico cat
Side by side on the table sat;
'Twas half-past twelve, and (what do you think!)
Nor one nor t'other had slept a wink!
The old Dutch clock and the Chinese plate
Appeared to know as sure as fate There was going to be a terrible spat.
(I wasn't there; I simply state
What was told to me by the Chinese plate!)

The gingham dog went "bow-wow-wow!"

And the calico cat replied "mee-ow!"

The air was littered, an hour or so,
With bits of gingham and calico,
While the old Dutch clock in the chimney-place
Up with its hands before its face,
For it always dreaded a family row!
(Now mind: I'm only telling you
What the old Dutch clock declares is true!)

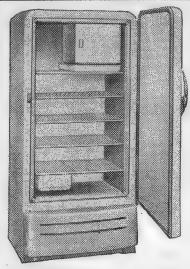
The Chinese plate looked very blue,
And wailed, "Oh, dear! what shall we do!"
But the gingham dog and the calico cat
Wallowed this way and tumbled that,
Employing every tooth and claw
In the awfullest way you ever saw—
And, oh! how the gingham and calico flew! (Dón't fancy I exaggerate— I got my views from the Chinese plate!)

Next morning where the two had sat They found no trace of dog or cat; And some folks think unto this day That burglars stole that pair away! But the truth about the cat and pup Is this: They are each other up!

Now what do you really think of that!
(The old Dutch clock it told me so,
And that is how I come to know.)

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The Country Diary v

W ped the prairie. In December the sun goes down about four o'clock and the long night does not break until seven in the morning. Man is not by nature a natural animal and darkness causes fear and distrust to many. But there should be no sensation of fear out of doors for the true countryman. Night terrors are born in illlighted alley ways in cities, and cellars, attics and closets, all those civilized fittings and trappings in which people enclose themselves. Out in the open country night, it may be cold or windy or wet, but there are no bogies to affright us.

You many stand at the gate and look at Orion and other brilliancies of the dark sky. No other constellation is so dazzling, so vast, so heroic and exciting as this mighty hunter. There are the three perfectly matched jewels at his belt, with musical and ancient names, which inspire the watcher with awe, and no less brilliant is Sirius, the dog-star, following at the hunter's heels. A streak of light breaks through the darkness and the friendly face of the moon looks benignly down on us.

Now at the darkest time of the year we enter the winter solstice, the antipodes of warm, bright midsummer, and which men of long ago used to hail with bonfires and a blowing of horns and wild, primitive revel. Their belief was that they might thus hold the earth for the sun god during his descent beneath the horizon.

In southern countries of the old world where they still possess an earlier Christianity ours. commercialized Christmas is unknown. There it is an essentially religious festival. One could wish that our Christmas had not developed in the main, into an orgy of interchanged gifts, becoming more and more ostentatious, set to the rhythm of popular, secular music. For those who regard Christmas as a holy day instead of just another holiday, there will be the music of church bells and carols, with the inner, true meaning of peace and good-will.

On the farm, some of the family will do the chores as usual, giving every inmate of barn and henhouse an extra ration, as well as treats for Hiawatha's chickens. I am sorry to say greed and bad manners are displayed by the feathered clans in their efforts

WINTER has seriously gripped the prairie. In December the sun goes down about four o'clock and the long night does not break until seven in the morning. Man is not by

The young fry who have been frolicking outside come in, Toby included, just at the psychological moment, glowing and ravenous, stamping and brushing off the snow. There is a last-minute look at the table settings, and everybody seated, then behold, it is borne in — the Turkey, richly brown, sizzling, a m b r o s i a l. Such steamy fragrances, such delicious stuffing, tender peas, fluffy potatoes, flaky pies, a home-grown dinner.

Afterwards, games, music, chatter, laughter, gifts from the tree, and again chore-time. It has been another good Christmas.

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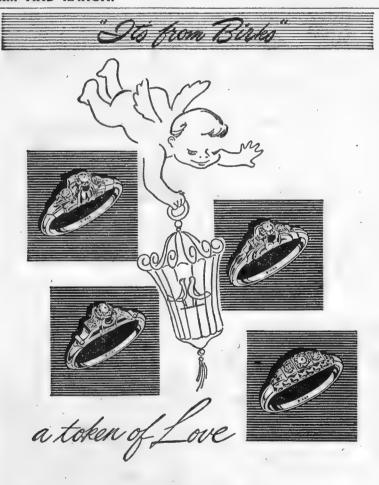
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Each country has its own special 'Santa Claus" and children all over the world know and love him for his kind deeds and generosity on this festive occasion. It is the Season of Joys and Toys, and already our own children are eagerly looking forward to St. Nicholas' flying visit over the roof-tops in his reindeer-drawn sleigh packed with toys and good things. He isn't just a myth - he is the Spirit of Christmas, who lives in the happy sparkling eyes of the young and in the hearts of us grown-ups, who this year hope for peace and good-will to men.

Ancient Traditions

There are many legends about Christmas and traditions about Santa Claus, and we are told that the tradition of Santa Claus riding in a sleigh drawn by reindeer first originated in Holland, where St. Nicholas was supposed to make his rounds on Woden's horse (God of the elements and harvest). His chimney-descending activities, may be traced to the old English custom of cleaning the chimneys at this season in preparation for the entry of good-luck into the home on the New Year

As a place for Santa's gifts, the Christmas stocking with its roomy depths developed from the shoe used by the European child and placed on the hearth signified that the owner of the shoe was in bed, and it has developed into an universal custom.

In Germany and Scandinavia, it is usually the custom for the children to search for their toys, which are hidden away in unexpected places. While in many districts of Spain and Italy gilts are distributed to the children at elaborate street festivals, when old carols are sunq.

Our Own Christmas Customs

Some Christmas customs are just too wonderful ever to be forgotten. Here at home in villages and farm-homes on Christmas Eve, when the young tolks are tucked in bed wondering what Father Christmas will leave in their stockings during the night, the older folks start decorating the Christmas tree. Some of the red and green paper chains which the children have made at school are also-part of the special decorative scheme and tashioned with a big red or silver bell The night will be silent and hushed and though Santa steps gingerly here and there, nary a little one will hear him The morning will bring joy 15 surprises and dancing-stars to the eyes of the little tots, for Santa Claus personifies happiness and generosity.

A Miniature Christmas

One of our readers wrote in the other day describing a novel Christmas-bowl arrangement for the children's holiday decorations, which she says that the older members of the family secretly enjoy immensely, too. She uses a low bowl about 10 inches long and an inch and a half deep. Minute tapioca is used for snow, and a tiny tree sprinkled with tinsel. A sprig of evergreen will do as well. A purse-size mirror is used for a lake, and there is a minature Santa Claus and reindeer drawn sleigh with bells that tinkle merrily. She says, that although they have a large Christmas tree, this miniature one seems to take the children's fancy, possibly because it is a new novelty.

Gift for Mom and Dad

Christmas is top holiday-time, too, when most kiddies who have been saving their pennies for the past few months, can now buy Mom and Dad a gift. A Big surprise that will enhance any Mother's charm, is an exotic bottle of perfume or fragrant package of toilet-water or cologne. Hankies or ties are always acceptable gifts for fathers, not torgetting a pair of warm mittens for outdoor chores.

Whatever the Christmas offering is, let it be a gift decked in wrapping that will bespeak attractiveness. Many a low-priced gift gets a stamp of value from an original holiday-wrapping, with gay stickers and lancy ribbon

The Spirit of Christmas

Although Christmas is a busy time for all, it's the happiest day of the year, and the source of that happiness is everyone's concern. For the Spirit of Christmas is The Christ Child, loving, serving and giving, and wherever he dwells there is joy and happiness, that nothing else can bring.

The spirit of the festive season can bring so much enduring cheer that can be extended throughout the year. It helps to make us courteous and considerate to others, to wish them well sincerely from the heart and to treat them as we should like to be treated.

To all our friends who have helped make our year a pleasant one, best wishes to you and yours for a Merry Christmas, a healthy, happy and prosperous New Year!

Many posture faults can be corrected by exercise." Posture is important to health because poor posture can damage vital organs.



"For the Colidau

By LOUISE PRICE BELL 7HAT makes Christmas so exciting? bright sprays of holly, the mischievous sprigs of mistletoe and the agily decorated Shristmas tree and gifts. Most of all, it's the luscious treats that come from the kitchen - the extra special goodies you

only at Christmas time.

The plump brown turkey is a tradifion — but for dessert, let's try a melted, add contents of package of new treat. It's Cake a la Mode with special chocolate sauce. To create this festive dessert, place a generous serving of vanilla ice cream on a slice of raisin pound, fruit, or plain cake and pour Holiday Sauce over this.

SPECIAL HOLIDAY SAUCE

Keep the water boiling in the bottom PENUCHE CHOCOLATE BIT FUDGE of your double boiler. Into the top part put 2 tablespoons butter and 4 tablespoons water. When butter has melted, and 1/2 cup chocolate bits, stirring only add 11/4 cups (1/2 pkg.) of chocolate enough to mix. Pour at once onto butquick fudge mix. Stir 3 to 4 minutes, tered plate.

until glossy. Do not beat. Add 2 tablespoons grated orange rind and let

The gracious hostess has a tray of tempting homemade candy to serve her holiday guests at all times. Can you think of a better welcome for your friends than a piece of rich, smooth fudge? The real delight comes when fudge according to directions, adding you discover how easy it is to prepare and how delicious it is when made from a quick fudge mix obtainable at your local store.

CHOCOLATE (OR PENUCHE) FUDGE

2 tablespoons butter

31/2 tablespoons cold water

l package chocolate or penuche fudge mix

Bring water to boil in lower part of double boiler. Put butter and water (measured to fudge mark on paper measure in package) into upper part of double boiler. When butter has quick fudge mix. Stir 3 to 4 minutes, until glossy. Do not beat. If desired, add 3/4 cup chopped nuts. Pour at once onto buttered pan, plate or waxed paper. Cut in squares when cool.

And here are some variations:

Make penuche fudge according to directions. Add 1/2 cup chopped nuts

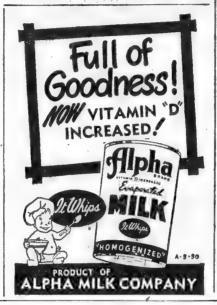
COCOA BALLS

Make chocolate fudge according to directions. While still warm, shape fudge into small balls and roll in cocoa. (Finely chopped nuts or colored sugar may also be used.)

STUFFED DATES

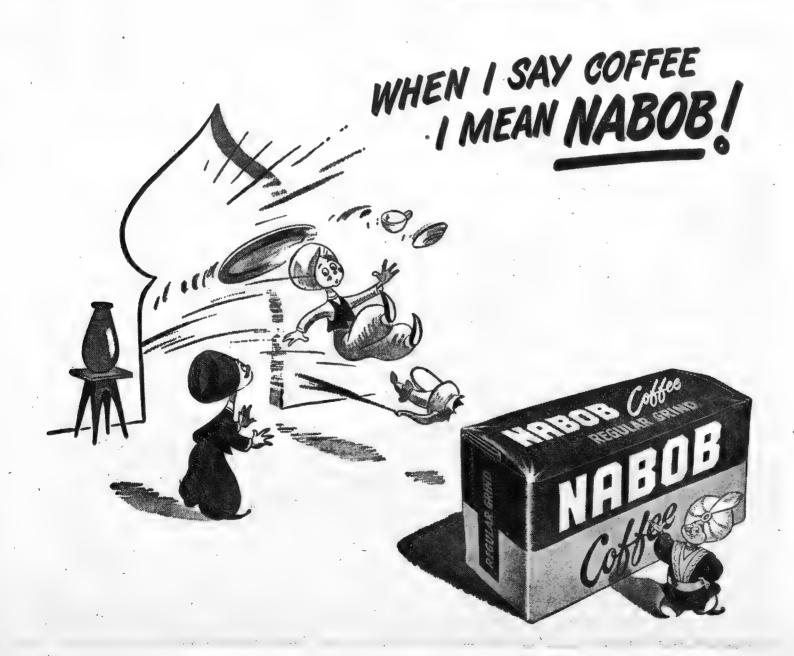
Pit 30 to 35 dates: Make penuche 3/4 cup chopped nuts to fudge. Remove double boiler from heat, but keep the fudge over hot water. Fill each pitted date with a small spoonful of hot

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Curiosity in a child

Curiosity is one of the outstanding characteristics of a must be on the alert to prevent

youngsters from coming to Knives, scissors and harm. other sharp objects should be kept well out of reach and the handles of cooking pots should be turned away from the front of the stove. Matches and dangerous drugs should be safely stored away from prying hands.

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Aunt Sal Suggests--

> The Christmas chimes ring out again, At this glad time of year; Let us exchange some Yuletide hints, To bring a spot of cheer.

EACH year when I sit down at my typewriter to gather my thoughts in order to send you Yuletide Greetings such a wave of inadequacy comes over me and I muse anxiously, "What can I say that has not been said before?" I never feel that way during the other eleven months that I prepare little hints and chit-chat for you readers . . . it is just this once that I feel so. I think the reason is that Christmas is such an extra special time of year that it seems my message should also be extra special to measure up to the occasion.

I can't help wondering what changes the past year has brought into your homes and lives and how those changes will affect the way you celebrate this great day of days. I know from the bits of personal family history that you have inserted into your letters to me that the year 1950 has brought its allotment of joys and sorrows to many of you. I feel so flattered that you consider me your friend by confiding in me about yourselves. Most of you readers are wives, mothers and home-makers: some of you are also grandmothers. None of the abovementioned groups have much time to indulge in self pity \dots and it is α good thing that we have not. Consideration for others and working for others is the best antidote for the temptation to think of ourselves. Never is this truth more keenly proven than at Christmas time.

I know there are thousands of readers of the Farm and Ranch Review to Aunt whom Aunt Sal is just that . . You don't know my real name nor do you know much about me except that I am a rural home-maker like yourselves with this one difference. Whereas you talk over home-making hints and ideas with your friends, I write of them to a wider circle of Like yourselves I have my friends. happy days and I have days that are not so happy. This past year was my hardest year for my only child left us and anyone who has gone through that experience knows what it means to try to pick up the threads of life and go on. For it is one of the muchquoted truisms that "Life must go on!" Please, dear readers, do not think I am, by inserting this personal note trying to make a plea for sympathy: that is the furthest thought from my mind. I just felt this was the time to tell you as this year draws to a close how very, very much your letters during the past ten months have meant to me. You made me see (all unintentionally) how wicked it was for me to think, "what is the use of going on," when hundreds of fine women were depending on me to help them in the small important phases of their daily tasks.

When you young mothers write me, of the care of your young children I feel very close to you for now I have the loving task of caring for a young child again. I have been her grandmother for two years, but I had to stop acting and thinking like a grandmother and be a mother to her . . . and that is very different isn't it?

This year Christmas will not be an easy time for me. But neither will it be easy for thousands of mothers. In thousands of home there will be empty

chairs. In thousands of hearts there will be a sore spot of grief and worry and deep anxiety. The war clouds are hovering too close about us for us to be unaware of the anguish that has already been visited unto all-too-many,

But whether in war or in peace we home-makers have a similar task assigned to us...to keep our homes intact. To supervise...to train...to guide the young ones: to love them and hold fast to the good that is in all. And to share the good with others.

I thought in this, the last month in 1950 I would dispense with the usual assortment of household hints and recipes and what not and just speak to you from my heart. I hope you will take it in the same spirit in which it is sent.

Bye bye for now . and every good wish . . . for Christmas and all time.

—AUNT SAL.

The

Dishpan Philosopher

I DON'T know just how many times I've sorted out my little rhymes and taken up my trusty pen to laud peace and goodwill to men. But this year somehow I can't do the job I am expected to. I know the season just at hand in this our own abundant land will see the joyful Christmas tide as usual flowing high and wide. We couldn't stop it if we would so urgent is the Christmas mood. But still I cannot sing my song, so many many things seem wrong, with peace and plenty

still unknown in countries for beyond our own.

But one thing I most gladly do, which is, dear readers, wish for you abundance ofthejoyful things that Christmas in our homeland brings. And may goodwill still warm our hearts long after Christmas Day parts.





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2 teaspoons granulated sugar
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Sprinkle with contents of

2 envelopes Fleischmunn's Royal
Fast Rising Dry Yeast
Let stand 10 minutes, THEN stir well.

In the meantime, scald
1 cup milk
Remove from heat and stir in

1/2 cup granulated sugar
1/4 teaspoons salt
6 tablespoons shortening

Cool to lukewarm and add to yeast mixture: Stir in 2 well-beaten eggs Stir in 3 cups once-sifted bread flour and beat until smooth; work in

3 cups more once-sifted bread flour. Turn out on lightly-floured board and knead dough lightly until smooth and elastic. Place in greased bowl, brush top with melted butter or shortening. Cover and set dough in warm place, free from draught. Let rise until doubled in bulk. While dough is rising, combine

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1½ cups brown sugar

(lightly pressed down)

3 teaspoons ground cinnamon

1 cup washed and dried seedless

Punch down dough and divide into 2 equal portions; form into smooth balls. Roll each piece into an oblong 1/4-inch thick and 16 inches long; loosen dough. Brush with melted butter or margarine. Sprinkle with raisin mixture. Beginning at a long edge, roll up each piece loosely, like a jelly roll. Cut into 1-inch slices. Place just touching each other, a cut-side up, in greased 7-inch round layer-cake pans (or other shallow pans). Grease tops. Cover and let rise until doubled in bulk. Bake in moderate oven 350°, 20-25 minutes. Serve hot, or reheated.





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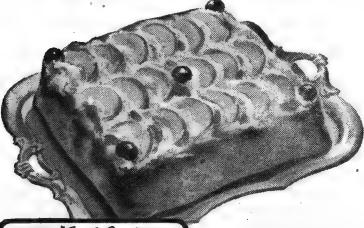
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Now—Cream shortening, add vanilla. Gradually add sugar and blend well together. Add well-beaten egg. Mix Purity Flour, baking powder and solt and sift together 3 or 4 times, then add alternately with the milk. Pour this batter over the apples in baking dish and bake in a moderate oven (350°F.) for 40-45 mikutes, levert to serve. Remove from the dish as soon as baked. Serve hot as is a with a sweet sauce, or serve cold with whipped cream.

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Aunt Sal Suggests...

As 1950 fades away,

I hope you found 'twas true, A letter written to Aunt Sal, Brought back some help to you.

THE letters from you kind readers whom I like to call "neighbors" founded on such a wide variety of topics that really I am hard pressed to pick out those that I think will prove to be of the most help to the largest number of home makers. I sincerely hope that you will count those quoted below both helpful and interesting.

QUESTION:--How can we take up an inlaid linoleum that has been glued down to a plywood floor? I don't care if we have to tear it up as we do not plan on using it again. (Mrs. F B., Magrath, Alberta.)

ANSWER:-It's a good thing that you do not "care" if you have to tear it up, as that is just what you will have to do. Professional advisors tell me you'll have to rip it up and scrape the floor.

QUESTION:-Quite some time back you gave us a recipe for drop cookies that contained cut-up dates. I used it several times, then lost it. Can you repeat it, please? (Mrs V. J E., Kennedy, Sask.)

ANSWER:-Because I like this recipe so very much myself and think that many of you will find them a good addition to the Christmas cookie supply here it is:

JUMBLES:-3/4 cup shortening, 1 cup brown sugar, 2 eggs, 1 teaspoon vanilla, 1 teaspoon baking soda, 1/2 teaspoon salt, 2 cups flour, 1 cup cut-up walnuts and I cup cut-up dates. Combine in order given. The original recipe called for a little milk, but I don't find it necessary. Drop by spoonfuls on greased cookie sheet and bake for 15 minutes in oven 400° F.

(This was originally the recipe of Mrs. Cyril Bacon, Rossland, B.C.)

QUESTION:-Would like to know why my potato chips do not get crisp and brown but stay white and soft? (Mrs. J. M., Porcupine Plain, Sask.)

ANSWER:-Because you haven't the fat hot enough for deep frying. You should have it about 380 to 390 degrees If you have not a thermometer then give it the bread test and that is drop a small cube of soft bread into hot fat and it should be brown in 40 seconds.

QUESTION:—I have a friend who finds it hard to make different dishes that she can eat as a diabetic. Have you any cook book you can recommend? (Mrs. E. A., Lethbridge, Alta.)

ANSWER:—I have contacted several large book stores enquiring for such a cook book as asked for above, and the best I can find is called "UNDER-STAND YOUR DIABETICS." It is sold by F. E. Osborne, Calgary, Alberta: It costs \$1.56 including postage.

QUESTION: - What is the food "YOGURT"? I saw it mentioned in an article written by a well-known magazine this fall, and it was quoted as being so helpful. (Mrs. J. E. F., Yellow Grass, Sask.)

ANSWER:-Yoguri is made by adding a culture to milk which has been heated and cooled to a certain tem-

perature and kept at that temperature until it curds. To obtain this culture and also to get full information regarding its use write to this address. THE ROSELLE BACTERIOLOGICAL INSTI-TUTE, La Trappe, P.Q.

QUESTION:—I enjoy making the oldfashioned netted lace and doilies but had the misfortune to break my "netting needle". I wonder if you or one of your readers could tell me where to buy a new one. Every store where I asked cannot supply or does not know what it is. I might add I was formerly of Edmonton, Alberta, and that is why I am writing back to an old friend (Farm and Ranch Review) for this plea for help. (Mrs. R. G. E., Huntington Park, California.)

ANSWER: - The firm named GORCY'S at Montreal, P.Q., used to stock these. And here are two American firms that should be able to supply them. Sara Hadley, 11 E. 54th Street, New York 22, N.Y.; The British Book Centre Inc. 122 East 55th St., Dept. M.N. 2., New York 22, N.Y.

QUESTION: — I'm looking for a certain cabbage recipe (cabbage roll) and I've tried every one of many nations that I know of but I still haven't found the one I want. It is a "Syrian" dish. Can you help me? It is my husband who once tasted this dish and he's driving me crazy trying to get it. (Mrs. C. W.)

ANSWER:-I had a good laugh over Mrs. W.'s letter, and then I had a good hunt for CABBAGE ROLL. Well I found many of them but not one I thought she wanted. I wonder if there is anyone among you readers who has a "cabbage roll" recipe that is named Syrian?

NOTE: - All readers are invited to send in their home-making problems to Aunt Sal. Just address your letters to: AUNT SAL, IN CARE OF THE FARM AND RANCH REVIEW, CALGARY, ALBERTA. If you wish a private reply enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope. There is no charge for this service

Snow suits for warmth

WARMTH is of first importance when you select a snow suit for children.

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Snow suits should be light in weight and allow for plenty of freedom in bending, climbing, squatting and twisting. There should be ample room across the shoulders and under armpits. The suit should also have at least one pocket.

Knit bands with plenty of elasticity will give a snug fit around the wrists and ankles. Zipper closings at the ankles make it éasier to put shoes through the opening, but the zipper may hide a non-elastic band which will gap in time.

uletide is Cranherry Time!

By LOUISE PRICE BELL

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EVEN before the holidays arrive, we begin to include the rosy-red cranberry in our mealtime plans. There is something about the deep red, juicy little balls of fruit that makes them seem to belong to winter, and more particularly to Christmas time. Everyone likes stewed cramberries, cramberry sauce, and cramberry jelly, but there are other ways to prepare the fruit that are perhaps even more interesting . . . besides being mighty good-tasting.

For instance, there is Cranberry Cobbler which rivals all the other fruit cobblers you may have made for Yuletide consumption. This dessert is hearty so is best served after a light meal, but it's grand any time! To make it, simply dot your favorite baking-powder biscuit dough over cooked, sweetened cramberries in a rather deep basin. Bake for 20 minutes in a moderate oven, brown well, then spoon into dishes so that the luscious cramberry sauce forms the topping for the biscuit crust.

For a change from your regular salad dressing, try using a Cranberry French dressing on your holiday salads; 'twill make a hit and be very seasonal, besides. It can be used on any fruit salad, but is especially good on a peach-waldorf one made of peaches, apples, celery, nuts and watercress.

CRANBERRY FRENCH DRESSING

- 1/2 cup salad oil
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- '1/2 teaspoon sugar
 - Dash of cayenne and paprika
 - l teaspoon lemon juice
- '. I tablespoon cranberry juice

Pour salad oil from bottle into bowl, add seasonings and beat until blended. Add lemon juice and cranberry juice slowly, beating all the time. Serve at once, or if allowed to stand, beat just before serving.

Here's a relish that is a must for holiday use:

CRANBERRY RELISH

- 1 pound cranberries
- 2 large apples
- 1 orange Rind of 1/2 orange
- 2 cups sugar

Wash cranberries, apples and orange. Core apples and peel half the skin from the orange, remove seeds. Put cran erries, unpeeled apples, ornange and half the rind through food chopper. Add sugar and stir until sugar is dissolved. This is perfect with poultry or meat and in chicken and turkey sandwiches, so don't feel badly if you have some left over . . . which I

Any meat dish, particularly a rich, hearty one, goes well with one of three cranberry recipes. Canned cranberry sauce now comes two ways: fellied sauce to cut in plump slices or fancy shapes; whole cranberry sauce with plump berries in syrup. Or, if you make your own, use the equivalent amount in the recipes given.

CRANBERRY ORANGE RELISH

l orange

I can jellied cranberry sauce, crushed with fork

Put orange, rind and all, through food chopper. Blend with whole cranberry sauce, raisins and ginger. Place in refrigerator several hours or overnight for flavors to blend.

CRANBERRY MINCE RELISH

- 1 can jellied cranberry sauce
- 1/4 cup mince meat
- 1/4 cup chopped walnuts

Crush jellied cranberry sauce with a fork. Stir in the mince meat and nut meats. Makes 1 pint relish.

CRANBERRY APPLE SALADS

- I envelope unflavored gelatine
- 1/4 cup cold water
- 1/4 lemon
- l apple
- 1 can jellied cranberry sauce

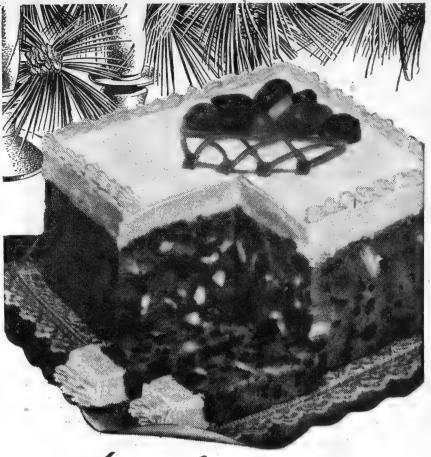
Soften gelatine in cold water 5 minutes and dissolve over hot water. Crush canned jellied cranberry sauce with a fork and add dissolved gelatine. Chill. Coarsely grind lemon, apple in food grinder. When gelatine mixture begins to jell, stir in lemon, apple. Turn into salad molds and chill until firm. Serve on lettuce cups.

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2 cups seedless raisins cup currants

 $1\frac{1}{2}$ cups separated seeded raisins

11/2 cups drained red maraschine or candied cherries (or a mixture of red cherries and green candied cherries)

cup almonds 11/2 cups slivered or chopped mixed candied peels and citron

cup cut-up pitted dates 1/2 cup cut-up candied pineapple or other candied fruits

I thsp. finely-chopped candied ginger 3 cups sifted pastry flour

or 23/3 cups sifted hardwheat flour 11/2 tsps. Magic Baking

¾ tsp. salt

1½ tsps. ground cinnamon 1/2 tsp. grated nutmeg 1/2 tsp. ground ginger

1/4 tsp. ground mace 1/4 tsp. ground cloves

I cup butter cups lightly-packed

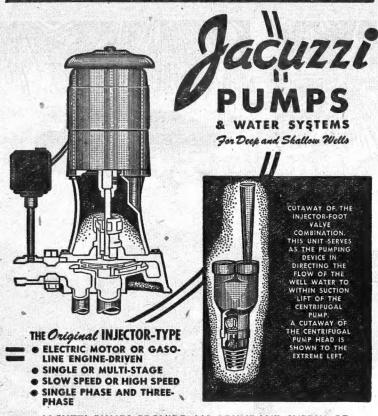
brown sugar

4 cup molasses

1/3 cup cold strong coffee



Wash and dry the seedless raisins and currants. Wash and dry the seeded raisins, if necessary, and cut into halves. Cut cherries into halves. Blanch the almonds and cut into halves. Prepare the dates, peels and citron, candied pineapple or other fruits, and ginger. Sift together 3 times, the flour, Magic Baking Powder, salt, cinnamon, nutmeg, ginger, mace and cloves; add prepared fruits and nuts, a few at a time, mixing until fruits are separated and coated with flour. Cream until fruits are separated and coated with flour. Cream the butter; gradually blend in the sugar. Add unbeaten eggs, one at a time, beating well after each addition; stir in molasses. Add flour mixture to creamed mixture alternately with coffee, combining thoroughly after each addition. Turn batter into a deep 8-inch square cake pan that has been lined with three layers of heavy paper and the top layer greased with butter; spread evenly. Bake in a slow oven 300°, about 2½ to 3 hours. Let cake stand in its pan on a cake cooler until cold. Store in a crock, or wrap in waxed paper and store in a tin. A few days before cake is to be cut, top with almond paste and ornamental icing; just before cutting, cake may be desprated attractively. just before cutting, cake may be desorated attractively.



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What a dungeon this old world would be if the spirit of Christmas was forever banished from the earth!

This happy, unselfish season furnishes an example for human conduct throughout the year. It provides an ideal for those whose dream of a world worth living in is one of kindness, beauty and decency.

The Christmas season would still be worth while if it offered merely the opportunity to express to others the hope for a Merry Christmas.

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Country cemeteries can be spots of real beauty

By JANE DALE

THE people in our rural areas are growing beauty conscious. Farm homes and small town dwellings are being cared for as they never have before. Flower beds, well-kept lawns, shrubs and shade trees are in evidence wherever one may travel across the prairies. This beauty consciousness has ex-

flower beds are laid out and kept fresh looking throughout the season; the grass is cut at intervals and the whole cemetery is pleasing to the eye and a quiet spot of beauty and peace.

In the picture accompanying this article a small portion of the cemetery of Hamiota, Manitoba, can be seen. The trimmed fir trees border the gravel drive-



tended to small parks, cenotaph grounds and cemeteries.

In the rural cemeteries this urge for beauty is most noticeable. At one time graves were cared for by the next of kin or those most interested with the result that except for these cared for spots the graveyard was usually overgrown with weeds and grass. Now trees are being planted and cared for,

way which divides the grounds. Some plots receive individual care from the caretaker at the wish of the next of kin but the grass is cut around each grave regardless, and the trees are trimmed. With shade trees to the west and east (not shown) the whole grounds catches the eye of the passerby. These attractive spots are duplicated in countless small towns and districts where the people have becomè conscious and have made an effort to make their cemeteries and cenotaphs worthy of attention.





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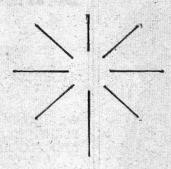
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the great task of perpetuating a better world—
a world reflecting the faith that is Christmas, with its eternal message of
Peace on Earth, Goodwill to Men



CAPITAL

\$7,000,000

RESERVE

\$10,000,000



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Year ending 31st October, 1950

ASSETS

Deposits with and Notes of Bank of Canada	47,277,812.47
Notes of and Cheques on Other Banks	
Other Cash and Deposits	12,840,015.06
Government and Municipal Securities (not exceeding	010 005 005 05
market value)	210,005,027.67
Other Bonds and Stocks (not exceeding market value)	10,761,384.55
Call Loans (secured)	6,518,501.51
TOTAL QUICK ASSETS	311,772,946.75
Commercial and Other Loans	
(after provision for bad and doubtful debts)	198,947,852.00
Liabilities of Customers under Acceptances and	
Letters of Credit (as per contra)	8,880,262.13
Bank Premises	7,087,456.03
Other Assets	60,143.04
	5526,748,659.95

LIABILITIES

Deposits		\$498,336,896.49
	and Letters of Credit Outstanding	
Other Liabili	ties	209,462.28
TOTAL LI.	"IES TO THE PUBLIC	\$507,426,620.90
Dividends	eholders	352,693.94
Capital, Rese	Undivided Profits	18,969,345.11
		\$526,748,659.95

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

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Profits for the year ended 31st October, 1950, after contributions to Staff Pension Fund and after making appropriations to Contingency Reserves out of which full provision for bad and doubtful	
debts has been made	2,650,308.80
Provision for depreciation of Bank Premises, Furniture and Equipment	498,997.61
\mathbf{s}	2,151,311.19
Provision for Dominion and Provincial Taxes	993,000.00
\$	1,158,311.19
Dividends at the rate of \$1.20 per share \$840.000.00 Provision for Bonus of 20c per share pay-	
able 20th December, 1950 140,000.00	980,000.00
Balance of Profits carried forward\$	178,311.19
Profit and Loss Balance 31st October, 1949	1,791,033.92
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Balance at credit of account 31st October, 1950 ____\$ 10,000,000.00

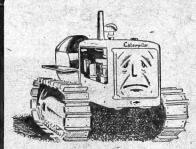
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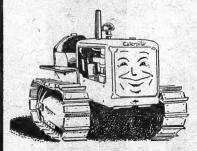
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